

Freetown Parade & Fireworks Committee  
March 2, 2016  
6:30 pm at the Town Hall



Attendees: Bob Gregory, Bob Adams, Jean Fox, Judy Gregory, Linda Remedis, Sharon Rosen, John Remedis

John and Linda will officially ask David Haskins to be parade marshal for 2016. Group of the Year will be invited to participate in our parade. Perhaps with a float showcasing their work on the new playground at Hathaway Park. Jeff & Anne Morse will be the contact.

Bob A, Bob and Judy inventoried and organized all flags, bunting, etc in town hall basement. Will need to replace two of the large bins for storing the string lighting at the park. Bob and Judy went to Brewer's Banner in New Bedford for pricing of replacement flags, bunting and brackets. Discussion as to how many of each to order. All flags on Water Street need replacing and additional flags need to be added by Crossroads. Small bunting needs replacing for the Elm Street bridge. The committee voted to allow for the purchase of flags, bunting and brackets as determined to be needed.

Will need to visit RI Novelties for (donated) prizes for the fireworks festival.

Jean took care of contacting the selectman's agreement to seek permission from Stop & Shop to use their bypass (again) for the parade line-up this year.

Judy spoke to Dave Suffradini from American Thunder regarding this year's rain date for our fireworks. All agreed, no one wants to have to use it, but the rain date will be Saturday, July 9th.

Judy spoke to Kevin Bernardo about what vendors will need for selling food and/or drinks the night of the fireworks. He mentioned the need for liability insurance. Jean will followup with Jack Healey. In the past vendors were covered under the town's insurance. Also discussed the food handler's permit the vendors will need. Sharon offered input from her experience with this.

A mandatory meeting for all the vendors will be Wednesday, June 1st. Judy will contact all previous vendors by email; as well as ask the police and fire chiefs to attend with any safety and traffic concerns associated with both parade and fireworks.

Tummy Lovin' Food Truck from town expressed an interest in selling food at the fireworks and being in the parade. Linda will contact them with parade info. Mike let them know only non-profit groups are allowed at Hathaway (w/ exception of one ice cream vendor, who also sponsors his business name on t-shirt).

Hope to hold a week-long coin drive at FES the week before Memorial Day. T-Shirt Contest will run the month of April. Judy will ask permission to send notices home for FES students.

Judy will work on Sponsor Letter. Will send to committee for input. Will have for next meeting.

Linda working on invitations for parade. Does not look like high school band will be marching (again) this year. Jean will contact Global Charter to check on their jazz band participating. Judy will ask FES choir to invite them to be in the 4th of July parade. Perhaps other bands?

Need new signs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for parade. Last year's signs were misplaced.

Sharon talked about friends ( ) who are willing to work on the parade line-up and also judge parade participants. Sharon and Craig will provide their own transportation this year in bringing their two golf carts to the parade for line-up and judging.

Discussion on 4th annual t-shirt colors - picked navy blue shirt with gold printing. Deb at End of the Road tees has (again) agreed to sell and print our shirts at \$6 each.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Gregory